Murphysboro City Council Meeting February 10, 2015

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 10th day of February, 2015. Mayor Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Pastor Waldron led the council in prayer. Following the invocation, Mayor Stephens led the council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Mayor Stephens then directed City Clerk Cottonaro to call the roll. The roll was called with the following

Present: Barb Hughes, Tom Ridings, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien,

Mark Costa, Sandi Bullar, Russell Brown, Gary McComb

Absent: Danny Bratton

Mayor Stephens and Chief Hollo presented life saving awards to Ken Johnson, Craig Smelter and Benjamin Jones of the Murphysboro Police Department.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the January 13, 2015 council meeting and the January 20, 2015 special council meeting. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Bullar Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #567 and #568 through February 6 2015, accounts receivable through February 6, 2015 and payroll through February 6, 2015. All aldermen received a copy of the accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman Bastien Second by Alderman Costa

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

Phillip Royster inquired about the issue of back pay increases for covered individuals who have retired or left. Mayor stated that issue had been forwarded to the city attorney and information would be forthcoming to the concerned parties.

Pete Polete wanted to know the outcome of the 7th Street issue.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Budget and Finance Committee meeting of January 26, 2015.

Motion: To approve paying accounts payable register #563 and #564 through January 26, 2015.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey

Second by Alderman Bullar

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion carried.

Building and Grounds Committee meeting of January 26, 2015.

No action taken.

Community Relations Committee meeting of January 26, 2015.

Motion: To approve the St. Patrick's Day Celebration request for 5 K and street closures.

Motion by Alderman Bullar

Second by Alderman Costa

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion carried.

Motion: To approve the use of the Town Center Park on April 3, 2015 by Pate Chapel Baptist Church.

Motion by Alderman Audrey

Second by Alderman Bullar

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion carried.

Public Improvement Committee meeting of January 26, 2015.

Motion: To approve the street light request for the 1900 block of Division Street and the 900 Block of North 23rd Street at a cost of \$9.10 per month.

Motion by Alderman McComb Seconded by Alderman Costa

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Public Works Committee meeting of January 26, 2015.

Motion: To approve the request to vacate a portion of the platted 20 foot alley running through Turner's Addition behind First Baptist Church.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Second by Alderman Hughes

Ayes: Barb Hughes, Tom Ridings, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Mark

Costa, Sandi Bullar, Russell Brown

Nays: Gary McComb **Motion Carried.**

Motion: To approve the bid from Stone's Concrete in the amount of \$6072 for the concrete sidewalk improvement project.

Motion by Alderman Costa Second by Alderman Bullar

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve the final payment request for the Walnut Street Waterline Replacement Project for \$96,506.09 less \$2,223.62 backed out for rock and tire costs.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Bastien

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

Timeline on this project is 4-5 years out.

Motion: To approve using three fourth million federal dollars and one fourth million dollars of the motor fuel CD to do the 7th Street Waterline Road Widening Project plus \$100,000 for relocating the water lines.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Costa

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

Public Safety Committee meeting of January 26, 2015.

Motion: To approve a No Parking sign on the west side of 5th Street from the alley to North Street.

Motion by Alderman Costa Seconded by Alderman Bastien

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Personnel Committee meeting of January 26, 2015.

Motion: To approve starting the process to hire a replacement for a police department vacancy.

Motion by Alderman Costa Second by Alderman Bullar

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

This raise goes back five years, at one per cent per year.

Motion: To approve a retro pay raise to 1/1/15 for non contractual employees at a five (5) per cent increase.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Second by Alderman Hughes

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

There were no bids received for the 2126 Lindell property. Mayor Stephens stated at the standing committee meeting he would like to address the possibility of putting an ad in the paper listing all available properties for bid.

One of the boy scouts present wanted something done with the alley by Kentucky Fried Chicken and St. Andrews. He said there was no direction of which way to go.

Mayor Stephens stated he was holding a Town Meeting at the Davis McCann Center on March 5, 2015 at 6 pm.

Mayor Stephens informed the council that the information regarding Sovereign Health and their intended use of the former Rehab and Care Center would be discussed at the next standing committee meeting.

ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Barbara Hughes Nothing

Tom Ridings Nothing

Vicki Ardrey Nothing

Bill Pierson Nothing

Mike Bastien Nothing

Mark Costa Nothing

Sandi Bullar Commend Chief Swafford and the fire department.

Russell Brown Nothing

Gary McComb Nothing

DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Ed Heller Nothing

Sandra Ripley Nothing

Harold Sheffer Nothing

Steve Swafford Nothing

Brian Hollo Murphysboro Crime Stoppers is moving ahead; will be all in-

house, first meeting tomorrow. Icicle Program moving forward.

Eric Kennedy Nothing

Tim Lee Nothing

Ron Manwaring March 3rd hosting National Weather Service Training Program at

the high school at 6 p.m.

Darrin Mills Nothing

Jim Stewart Nothing

Motion: To adjourn

Motion by Alderman Hughes Second by Alderman Bullar

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.